

Testimony of Claire Moreira

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I am Claire Moreira, I am from Newtown, CT., and I am a Psychology major at Quinnipiac University. I am submitting testimony today in support of additional funding for the Roberta Willis Scholarship Program.

I chose to attend Quinnipiac because they gave me the most opportunity and not only cared about my story but cared enough to support me and give me all they could to help start a new chapter of my future.

My experience at Quinnipiac has been one that I will never forget and will always be extremely grateful for. Quinnipiac has excited me for my future with the opportunities they have given me and the unconditional support I receive from not only my professors but administration as well with me being able to reach out whenever I have any questions or need advice concerning my future and the next steps I will be taking. Quinnipiac has been a steppingstone for my future with their unconditional resources for every and any student, genuinely caring for their students and their story and helping whenever is possible because their students are their top priority.

Financial aid such as the Roberta Willis Scholarship Grant has been incredibly important to me because it helped give me confidence in my abilities as well as motivation to keep going because many times, one can feel that their hard work is not appreciated and that they are exerting too much energy into something that might never be recognized but the Roberta Willis Scholarship Grant gave me validation in all my hard work and most importantly, helped push me even farther due to the financial relief the scholarship grant was able to give me.

When I graduate, I intend to give back to my community and help create the same opportunities I was given that many wish to come across. Without Quinnipiac, I could have never envisioned a future so bright and full of opportunity.

Please increase funding for need-based funding in the Roberta Willis Scholarship Program to ensure that students like myself have the opportunity to enroll in the institution that is the best fit for them in-state.